

THE GRAND FENWICK GAZETTE

NUMBER THREE

This is THE GRAND FENWICK GAZETTE NUMBER THREE. It is a one-shot, as was THE GRAND FENWICK GAZETTE and THE GRAND FENWICK GAZETTE NUMBER TWO. The former chronicled an in-person game in North Carolina in 1965; the latter chronicled the Diplomacy game played at Dipcon II in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1968.

This 'zine chronicles a face-to-face game played at the University of California at San Diego on Saturday, 5 December 1970.

This game is of considerable historic interest. It was played on the oldest Diplomacy board in the city of San Diego, which came into the city in 1961, using the original pieces. Among the players were the two most senior (in experience) San Diego Diplomacy players, Rod Walker (editor of EREHWON, &c., &c.) and Conrad vonMetzko (editor of COSTAGUANA). Also playing were other original members of the San Diego Diplomacy and Cheap Beer Warehouse, Hal Naus (editor of A.D.A.G., &c., &c.), Bob Cline (former editor of NAME), and Dan Barrows. Joining them were experienced members of the UCSD Triton Wargaming Society, Jeff Wolfe (TWS President) and Harry Gullett. Miss DeRose, who replaced Mr. vonMetzko, is a friend of Mr. Gullett's and played with the help of Mr. Naus.

The purpose of TFWONT is to present the results of that game. After they had written their orders, and before adjudication, the players were asked to write comments about the game. From these, the reader will gain some insight into what some of the players were thinking. Items preceded by ** were press releases and were read to the players; all other comments have remained secret until this publication. All notation is according to standard EREHWON usage, and EREHWON House-Rules were used for the game. Players' comments precede each set of moves. GM comments, if any, are printed afterwards. The game was proclaimed a draw in Spring 1910.

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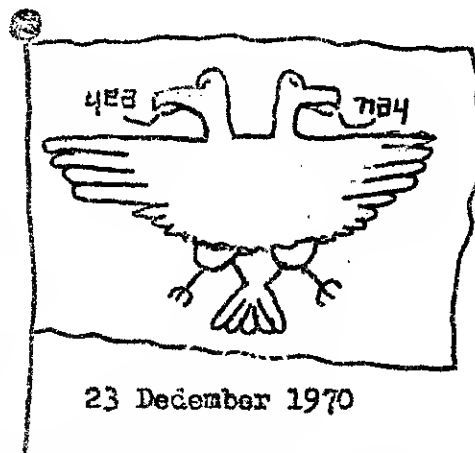
SPRING 1901:

AUSTRIA: I have the funniest feeling I'm not going to like this game. Turkey refuses to commit himself to anything. Italy offers absurdly mild placation, but spends much time negotiating with Russia and Germany. As for the latter two, they are so close they must be in love.

ENGLAND: A lot of talk--wait and see.

FRANCE: I distrust all of the enemies England and Italy. I'm allied with Germany, but I have non-aggression with England. Therefore I move south against Italy, eventually.

GERMANY: Moved to Hol to insure build and the possibility of taking Den next season. If not, then in Spring 02 with Russian support. Alliance with Russia.



Moved to Ruhr with hope of taking Bel. Have alliance with France, who has alliance with England. Hopefully can get Bel when England tries to support France in (but he won't order the move).

ITALY: Not decided on whom to attack. Can get no ally but can get non-aggression with France or Austria. Made anti-France moves but can readily switch to Austria. Will attack so as to make a more balanced game.

RUSSIA: An alliance with Germany, plus a partial one with Austria, allows expansion in Turkey with a secure north.

TURKEY: Turkey, not trusting to the good faith of England, finds it in the interest of national security to place her defensive units in a more northwesterly location.

AUSTRIA: A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb.

ENGLAND: F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Wrg, A Lpl-Edi.

FRANCE: A Par-Bur S by A Mar, F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY: F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY: A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Tyr.

RUSSIA: F StP(sc)-But, A War-Gal, A Mos-Ukr, F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con.

GM COMMENT: There is a good deal of lack of trust at this stage. It is pretty obvious that none of Russia's neighbors, save Germany, really trusts him. Given the Franco-German alliance, the support into Burgundy is a ploy, probably for England's benefit. Outsiders should be apprised of the fact that it is a San Diego tradition to jump on Conrad von Mettke and eliminate him as quickly as possible. He seems to have avoided that problem here. The moves show no clear alliance pattern, but the comments indicate that F-G-R is a real factor and England is in trouble.

FALL 1901:

AUSTRIA: Three countries remain mysterious. France has verbally committed himself to a war vs. Germany, though Italy may throw him off if the attack is legit. Russia is fighting Austria. Austria is fighting Russia. Germany appears set for a western war, probably vs. France. England's status is unknown, but I could care less. Turkey is an open question. Italy may have pulled a classic feint which, if in fact a false herring, will be devastatingly successful. ***Austria herewith declares war on Russia. Peace is declared on Turkey and Germany. The status of relations with Italy is wholly dependent on the status of Trieste following 1901.

ENGLAND: What trust. Alliance with France. Somewhat shaky with Germany and Russia. Must wait and see.

FRANCE: I'm attacking Italy.

GERMANY: Anticipate move by English to Denmark. Also possibility of French move to Munich, but I will let it happen. France should let me have Belgium because of the Italian move to Piedmont.

RUSSIA: The possibility of an Austro-Turk compact seems more imminent; thus, a standoff game.

TURKEY: I want Rumania in trade for Greece. Will assist Italy against France for the price of Tunis and will become an immediate Med. sea power.

AUSTRIA: A Vie-Gal, A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum, F Alb-Gre. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser (5). Build A Bud, A Tri.

ENGLAND: F Nth-Den, A Edi-Hwy C by F Wrg. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Hwy (4). B. F Lon.

FRANCE: A Bur-Mar, A Mar-Spa, F Mid-Por. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5). Build F Mar, F Bre.

GERMANY: A Kie-Den, A Ruh-Bol S by F Hol. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Hol (5). Build A Mun, F Ber.

ITALY: A Ven-Pie, A Pie-Mar, F Tyr-Tun. Owns: Hap, Rom, Ven, Tun (4). B. F Rom.

RUSSIA: F Bot-Swe, F Sev-Rum S by A Ukr, A War-Gal. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Swe (5). Build A StP.

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Bul-Rum. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul (4). Build F Smy.

GM COMMENT: England is in real trouble. Only the unexpectedly weak Russian build (why not F StP-mc?) is any comfort. Turkey, apparently engaged in a war with Russia, eschews the obvious F Ank or A Smy and builds F Smy (but remember his ambition to be a Med. power. France, attacked by Italy, will gain little from his alliance with Germany. In fact, most of the alliances now evident are singularly awkwardly poised for offensive action in common. Russia has really blown it by jumping the gun and simultaneously antagonizing Austria and Turkey rather than trying to turn one against the other.

SPRING-

1902:

AUSTRIA: An interesting 3-way deal--not really an alliance--may be forming among the southeastern powers. Turkey claims to be moving on France. If this holds up, Russia and Austria will disengage. But I am fearful of treachery and will therefore make a token feint into Galicia. It may backfire, but what the hell?

**Austria herewith declares peace on Russia, Turkey, and Italy. War is vehemently declared on Germany. On the other hand, if Russia tries to invade Galicia, war is declared on him. On the other hand, if Italy takes Trieste, war is declared on him. On the other hand,....

ENGLAND: God, what a mess. Should attack Germany, yet his overture for peace leaves me somewhat perplexed. I will have to wait and see what develops. Also, Germany's long session with Russia shows I must be wary of both.

FRANCE: **France declares war against the Italian Vandals. It is our reluctant belief that the would-be Caesar has his eyes fixed on nearer and farther Spain and Trans-Alpine Gaul. This we cannot accept.

GERMANY: Decided to attack England by putting myself in a position to attack Denmark with my fleet. Allowed Russia to attack Norway by hitting North. Have cursory alliance with England in order to get moves.

ITALY: France looks more dangerous than Austria, so I decided to attack him. We'll get Turkish fleets to help (even though I don't want them).

**And Italy contributed the following poetic masterpiece to the GM:
This poem is written about Rodney C. Walker, Beneath which a small patch of fur one
Who has a rather large paunch and is a run- may find,
at-the-mouth talker. Much like the fur round a mouse's behind.

In infancy Rodney was beaten till sick
By his mother and father with a large
ugly stick.

Rodney is widely known for his nose,
Which protrudes from his face like
a large red rose.

O Rodney, O Rodney, when in Air Force blue
A horny queer sailor wouldn't want you.
So for Rodney C. Walker I now say three
cheers,
You ex-Air-Force-Captain with the funny
looking ears.

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Gal, A Vio-Boh, A Tri-Tyr, A Ser H, F Gre-Alb.

ENGLAND: F Lon-Nth, F Nth-Ska, A Nwy H S by F Nrg.

FRANCE: F Bro-Mid, F Mar-Lyo, F Por-Spa(so), A Spa-Mar S by A Bur.

GERMANY: A Kio H, A Mun-Sil, A Bol H, F Ber-Bal, F Hol-Nth.

ITALY: A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Tus, F Rom-Tyr, F Tun-Wes.

RUSSIA: F Sev-Rum, A Ukr-Sev, A War-Mos, A StP-Nwy S by F Swe.

TURKEY: F Bla-Con, F Smy-Eac, A Bul-Gro, A Con-Bul.

GM COMMENT: Muddy waters in the Balkans. Austria's retreat from Greece is a bribe of Turkey, but why, now that the war against Russia seems to be off? The real weakness of Russia's build is now becoming apparent, as England holds firm.

FALL 1902:

AUSTRIA: As of now, the plan is thus: Turkey and Austria have traded Rumania for Greece. In so doing they will annihilate the Russian fleet to allow it to be rebuilt up north. Turkey will attack France, Austria and Russia will attack Germany, and Russia will presumably attack England. It looks quite plausible. Italy is supposed to have given Turkey passage through the Med.

FRANCE: I am allied with England against Italy. Germany is also allied. We are facing a Dreikaiserbund (Tur, Aus, Ita). I will eventually attack Germany.

GERMANY: In trouble. Hopefully can get French support and at the same time hoping to get a fleet into Den and get two on Nth. Having Russia keep England occupied.

AUSTRIA: A Ser-Rum, A Gal-Sil, A Tyr-Mun S by A Boh, F Alb H. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, ~~Wre~~, Sor, Rum (5). No change.

ENGLAND: F Eng-Naz (sic; F Eng H), F Lon-Nth, A Nwy-Swe S by F Ska. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy (4). No change.

FRANCE: Spa(so)-Wes S by F Mid & F Lyo, A Mar-Pie, A Bur S GERMAN A Sil-Mun. Owns: Dre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5). No change.

GERMANY: A Sil-Mun, F Bal-Den S by A Kie, F Hol-Nth, A Bel H. Owns: Bor, Kie, Mun, Bel, Hol, Den (6). Build A Mun.

ITALY: A Pio H S by A Tus, F Tyr H, F Wes-NAF. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun (4). No change

RUSSIA: A Sev-Ukr, F Rum-Bud (imp) /d/ /a/ (retreat refused), A Mos-War, F Swe-Nwy S by A StP. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Swe (5). Build A Mos (1/a/).

TURKEY: F Con-Aog, F Eas-Ion, A Bul S AUSTRIAN A Ser-Rum, A Gre S A Bul. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre (5). Build F Smy.

GM COMMENT: The import of these moves is clear, except perhaps those of Russia. The observer should remember that Russia and Germany are allied. In this context, the Russian moves become clear. The whole thing is a feint. Russia buys off Turkey and is allowed to concentrate his armies against Austria. The failure to build A Sev probably indicates that the ploy is going to last for some seasons.

SPRING 1903:

AUSTRIA: If somebody would backstab somebody, we could go eat dinner. Otherwise we may starve, because these alliances are fairly solid. **Austria declares war on France and future disembowelment on England. May all your future crises be fatal ones. May all your physical members gangrene and fall off. May your wife have quadruplet hamsters. May your house be coated with Epoxy. May London Bridge fall and crush your false teeth. May your boss kiss you goodnight.

FRANCE: I am at war with Turkey over Italy's body.

GERMANY: Russia will not support or help directly as he wishes to maintain his alliance with Austria and Turkey to get them to vacate. So with French help I am looking for a standoff in the south. Possible standoff in north, but hoping combination of Russia and myself will allow me to get in.

AUSTRIA: A Gal-Sil S by A Boh, A Tyr-Mun, A Rum-Gal, F Alb H.

ENGLAND: F Lon-Nth S by F Ska, A Nwy H S by F Nrg.

FRANCE: F Mid-NAF S by F Wes, A Mar-Pio S by F Lyo, A Bur S GERMAN A Kie-Mun.

GERMANY: A Mun-Boh S by A Sil, A Kie-Mun, A Bel H, F Hol-Nth S by F Den.

ITALY: F Tyr-Wes S by F NAF, A Pio H S by A Tus.

RUSSIA: F Swe-Ska, A StP-Fin, A Mos-StP, A War H, A Ukr H.

TURKEY: F Ion-Tun, F Aog-Ion, F Smy-Eas, A Gre NS A Bul.

GM COMMENT: At this point, the alliances have become more fixed. Germany/Russia will grind down England while Italy/Turkey bloodily engage France in the south. And as Turkey's attention turns more westward, Russia's hands will become free to deal with Austria more forthrightly. If Russia's move is timed properly, it will be devastating.

FALL 1903:

AUSTRIA: An interesting technical ploy: Russia has agreed to support me to Silesia in return for Rumania. Note that because of the interlocking units, if Russia backstabs, he loses--Austria can only get into Galicia from Rumania if Galicia gets to Silesia (i.e., if Russia supports), and only then can Russia get into Rumania. A perfect alliance!

ENGLAND: I made a mistake, a real big one, by not moving against Germany sooner. He plays Dip like a cold polka player.

GERMANY: Russia has still refused to lend direct support. Cautioned by France to beware. Attempt to hit Yorkshire this time through convoy so as to have an army in England with fleet support. Hopefully, Russia will maintain the alliance, but I have to start thinking of an attack against him if he is encroaching on the north.

AUSTRIA: **Waak! Dear Germany--you are soon to have problems. They can be solved by not eating any more onions.

AUSTRIA: A Tyr-Mun S by A Boh, A Gal-Sil, A Rum-Gal, F Alb-legend (i.e., H). Owns: Bud, Tri, Vio, Ser, ~~Kan~~ (4). Remove F Alb.

ENGLAND: F Ska-Nth S by F Lon, F Nrg-Edi, A Nwy-Swo /a/. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, ~~Wff~~ (3). No change (1 /a/).

FRANCE: F Mid S F Wes, F Lyo-Tyr S by F Wes, A Bur S GERMAN A Mun, A Mar-Pie. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5). No change.

GERMANY: A Bel-Yor C by F Nth, A Sil-Boh S by A Mun (A Sil /d//Pru/), A Kie-Ber, F Don S F Nth. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Hol, Don (6). No change.

ITALY: F NAF-Tun, F Tyr-Tus S by A Pie, A Tus-Ven. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven (3). Remove A Ven.

RUSSIA: F Swe-Ska, A StP-Nwy S by A Fin, A War S AUSTRIAN A Gal-Sil, A Ukr-Rum. Owns: Mos, StP, Sov, War, Swo, Rum, Nwy (7). Build A Mos, F Sev.

TURKEY: F Tun-Tyr S by F Ion, F Eas-Aeg, A Bus MS A Gro. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, ~~Wff~~ Gre, Tun (6). Build F Smy.

GM COMMENT: The German convoy shows clearly why England must always guard the North Sea. The throat to Lon and Edi by an enemy F Nth is great enough, but while England guards these supply centers, Yor is open to a convoyed army and Liverpool is almost certainly unguarded. Russia has, a second time, failed to build a much needed F StP(nc), thus resigning all the English home centers to Germany. He has compounded the error by opening betraying Turkey at a time when he could probably have aided Germany against Austria, picking up a few centers in the bargain, without the danger of Turkish intervention. The build of F Sev commits both Turkey and Austria against him. The growing deadlock in the south can only work to Germany's advantage.

SPRING 1904:

GERMANY: Reached an agreement (hopefully) with Austria for disengagement. Probably won't work, but I hope it does.

AUSTRIA: A Sil-War S by A Gal, A Tyr-Tri, A Boh-Vio.

ENGLAND: F Edi-Yor, F Lon-Yor, F Ska-Nth.

FRANCE: F Mid-NAF S by F Wes, F Lyo-Tus, A Bur S A Mar, A War S AUSTRIAN A Tyr-Pie nso.

GERMANY: A Yor-Lpl, A Mun-Tyr, A Ber-Mun, A Pru-Sil, F Don S F Nth, F Nth C RUSSIAN A Nwy-Yor.

ITALY: F NAF-Wes /a/, F Tus-Lyo, A Pie-Mar.

RUSSIA: F Sev-Blz, A Rum-Ser, A War-Ukr, A Mos-Sev, A Nwy-Yor, F Swe-Ska, A Fin-Swe.

TURKEY: F Ion-Tyr S by F Tun, A Gro-Smy C by F Aeg, F Smy-Con, A Bul-Ser.

GM COMMENT: The rapid Turkish retrenchment shows the full extent of Russia's mistake. Now he cannot advance. Further, Austria has taken Warsaw. In the west, Germany begins his conquest of England without any rival for the shares. The stalemate in the west continues; apparently, Turkey and France have not even spoken of a bargain to disengage so that France can either oppose Germany or share in England while Turkey concentrates on Russia and possibly also absorbs part of Italy. More flexible diplomacy would have allowed this.

FALL 1904:

AUSTRIA: Due to the increasingly overwhelming Russian position, coupled with the threatening Russian build in Sev, Turkey and Austria have decided to move into Russia. A very efficient backstab and counter-backstab made Russia vulnerable in SO4; in Fall he will lose one, maybe two, and in O5 he will start to crumble. This, of course, implies that the Austro-German non-aggression pact in fact holds up.

****Austria declares war on Russia and peace on Germany.** This makes the fifth change of policy in four years, a record surpassed only by Emperor Theodore of Ethiopia.

FRANCE: I have launched a major assault this year against Italy. I intend to help Germany & attack Turkey, Italy, Austria, and Russia as they appear. England has ceased to offer strong resistance. I hope to build F Mar, but if England attacks Eng I must build F Bro and battle with the aid of my German ally.

GERMANY: Again I must support Russia in order to keep him unsuspecting when I try an attack. I am giving Franco Bel for a build in the south.

AUSTRIA: A Vic-Bud, A Tri-Ser, A Gal-Rum, A War-Ukr /a/(retreat refused). Owns: Bud, Tri, Vic, Ser, Rum (5). Build A Vic, A Tri.

ENGLAND: F Ska-Nth S by F Edi (F Edi /a/, retreat refused) & F Lon. Owns: ~~Edi~~, ~~Lon~~. Lon (1). Remove F Lon (1 /a/).

FRANCE: A Bur-Pol, A Mar-Pie, F Lyo-Tug, F HAF-Tun S by F Wes (F Wes /d//Spa(sc)/). Owns: Bro, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, ~~Bel~~, Tun (7). Build F Bro, F Mar.

GERMANY: A Mun-Boh, F Den-Nth, F Wth-Edi S by A Lpl, A Tyr S **FRENCH** A Mar-Pie, A Sil S **RUSSIAN** A Ukr-War. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, ~~Edi~~, ~~Lpl~~ (7). B A Mun.

ITALY: A Pie-Ven, F Tug-Lyo. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven (3). Build F Nap.

RUSSIA: A Nwy H, F Swe-Ska, A Fin-StP, A Ukr-War, A Rum-Gal /d//Sev/, A Sev-Mos, F Bla-Con. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Swe, ~~Nwy~~, ~~H~~ (6). Remove F Ska.

TURKEY: F Tun-Wes S by F Tyr, F Aog-Con, F Con-Ank, A Bul S **AUSTRIAN** A Gal-Rum, A Smy -Arm. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, ~~Tyr~~ (5). Remove F Aog.

GM COMMENT: The situation in the east is now frozen. Russia, in order to have any hope of standing off Austria and Turkey, must remain wholly at the mercy of Germany. Germany, on the other hand, cannot attack Russia without seeing the lion's share of the spoils fall to Austria and Turkey. In the west, Turkey must continue to egg Italy on against France, because if the latter two break off, Italy must fall on Austria, with consequent trouble for Turkey. This whole system of alliances removes all effective opposition to Germany.

SPRING 1905:

AUSTRIA: **Sorry, Germany & France. I can backstab only so many people at one sitting. I therefore declare permanent war on you two, and a perpetual alliance with Turkey and Italy. And England, R.I.P.

FRANCE: I am allied with Austria(?) and Germany against Russia-Italy-Turkey. England & I are on speaking terms so when the players Austria/Turkey leave at 5:30 Hal (Eng) will become a new force with which to ally. **//GM Note:** The Turkish player did not leave in mid-game, as anticipated. France's anticipation that Germany and Russia would go to war seems based on real German intentions.//

GERMANY: It is necessary to commence action against Russia, with the pretext of lack of communication between us. Also have to contend with England so he can definitely maintain **//this position//**. Approaching a choice between Austria and Russia. Still allied with France.

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Gal, A Tri-Tyr S by A Vic, A Ser H, A Rum S **TURKISH** A Arm-Sev.

ENGLAND: F Nth-Hol.

FRANCE: F Bro-Mid S by F Spa(sc), F Tun-Tyr S by F Lyo (F Tun /d//NAf/), F Mar-Pie, A Bel-Bur, A Pie-Ven.

GERMANY: F Den-Nth S by F Edi, A Tyr S ITALIAN A Pie-Ven (nsu)/d//Mun/, A Sil-Gal S by A Boh, A Mun-Kie, A Lpl-Wal.

ITALY: F Nap-Ion, F Tus S TURKISH F Tyr, A Ven S F Tus.

RUSSIA: A Sev-Arm S by F Bla, A Mos-War, A StP-Mos, A War-Ukr, A Nwy H. (A Sev /a/).

TURKEY: F Wes-Tun S by F Tyr, F Ank-Bla, A Bul-Con, A Arm-Sev.

GM COMMENT: Only a single English fleet stands between Germany and a secure and considerable empire. While he is fighting Austria, he will still have enough units left over to hit Russia or France. Neither of them shows any interest in doing anything about it. In fact, since Russia is pretty well tied to Germany, and vice-versa, France should at this point be making frantic efforts to disengage in the south.

FALL 1905:

GERMANY: Moves against Russia, taking form of fleet movement north.

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Gal S by A Vic, A Rum S TURKISH A Sov-Ukr, A Tyr-Boh /d//Tri/. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vic, Ser, Rum (5). No change. ...and A Ser-Bud.

ENGLAND: F Hol H /a/ (retreat refused). Owns: ~~Lpl~~ (0). OUT.

FRANCE: F Mid-Wes, F Mar-Pio S by F Lyo, F Naf S F Mid-Wes, F Spa(sc) S F Lyo, A Pie-Tyr, A Bur /h/. Owns: Bro, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Bel, ~~Tyr~~ (6). Remove F Spa(sc).

GERMANY: A Wal-Lon, A Mun S FRENCH A Pio-Tyr, A Kie-Hol S by F Nth, A Gal-Vie S by A Boh (A Gal /d//Sil/), F Edi-Teg. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Edi, Lpl, Lon (8). Build F Kie.

ITALY: A Ven S F Tus, F Tus S TURKISH F Tyr-Lyo, F Ion-Tyr. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven (3). No change.

RUSSIA: A Nwy-Swo, A War-Gal, A Ukr-Rum /a/, F Bla-Sov S by A Mos. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Swo, Nwy (6). Build A StP (no room for 2nd)(2 /a/).

TURKEY: F Tun S ENGLISH F Hol-Kie (imp), F Tyr-Lyo, F Ank-Bla, A Sev-Ukr, A Con-Bul. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gro, Tun (6). Build F Smy.

GM COMMENT: France is committing suicide. Germany is kidding himself if he thinks he is going to attack Russia--otherwise he would have built F Ber. His only hope is a buffer-state Russia, while he goes after France. Turkey is encouraging him by continuing to tie down French forces; his ambition to be a Med. power could as easily be fulfilled by absorbing Italy (and giving Tunis to France with which to build another army). Alas, the Reich has everything his own way.

SPRING 1906:

GERMANY: Believe that Austria will attack and possibly bring in France. Must start to prepare forces against France as well as keep nominal force against possible Russian alliance.

TURKEY: Looking forward to a French backstab of Germany in Fall with destruction of 2 French fleets and rebuild as armies at home.

AUSTRIA: A Tri S FRENCH A Tyr-Ven, A Bud-Gal, A Gal-War, A Vie-Boh, A Rum S TUR A Ukr.

FRANCE: F Naf-Tun, F Wes-Tyr, F Pie-Tus S by F Lyo, A Tyr-Ven, A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY: F Hrg H, A Lon-Hol C by F Nth, F Kie-Den, A Hol-Ruh, A Mun-Tyr S by A Boh, A Sil S A Boh.

ITALY: F Ion S TURKISH F Tun, F Tus S TURKISH F Tyr /d//Rom/, A Ven S F Tus/d//Apu/.

RUSSIA: F Sov-Rum, A Mos-Ukr S by A War, A StP-Mos, A Swo H.

TURKEY: F Tun S F Tyr, F Smy-Aog, F Tyr S F Tus, A Bul-Arm C by F Bla, A Ukr S AUS-TRIAN A Gal-War.

GM COMMENT: The Franco-Turkish agreement is a season too late. Germany is in position, but France is hopelessly onmeshed in the Med. It was impossible for them to trust each other completely, or French fleets would be in the Mid.

FALL 1906:

FRANCE: I have decided to move fast. I hope to take on Germany by surprise.

GERMANY: Attacked France--now or never.

AUSTRIA: A Tri S ITALIAN A Apu-Ven, A Vic S A Tri, A Bud S A Vic, A Gal S TURKISH A Ukr, A Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev. Ows: Bud, Tri, Vic, Ser, Rum (5). No change.

FRANCE: F Naf-Mid, F Wes H /a/ (retreat refused), F Lyo MS F Tus, A Ven-Tyr, A Mar-Bur. Ows: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, ~~Wes~~ (5). No change (1 /a/).

GERMANY: F Eng-Hat, F Nth-Eng, F Don-Nth, A Hol-Bel, A Ruh-Bur, A Tyr-Vie S by A Boh, A Sil-Gal, A Tyr /d//Mun/. Ows: Ber, Kie, Mun, Don, Hol, Edi, Lpl, Lon, Bel (9). Build A Kie.

ITALY: F Ion-Adr, F Rom H, A Apu-Ven. Ows: Nap, Rom, Ven (3). No change.

RUSSIA: A Swe H, A StP-Lva, A Mos-Ukr S by A War, F Sev-Rum /a/. Ows: Mos, StP, ~~Wes~~, War, Swe, Hvy (5). Build A Mos (1 not built, 1905; 1 /a/).

TURKEY: F Tyr-Wes S by F Tun, F Aeg-Ion, A Arm-Sev S by F Bla, A Ukr S AUSTRIAN A Gal /a/. Ows: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Tun, Sev (7). Build A Ank, A Con (1 /a/).

GM COMMENT: If France had held Venice, he could have built 1. The new Austrian player had taken over at this point, and there was apparently a mix-up of signals (not to mention the disastrous mistake of allowing Italy to survive when France needs 1, possibly 2, Italian centers to offset probable German accretions). At this point, the alliance pattern is set for the entire mid-game.

SPRING 1907:

AUSTRIA: A Tri-Tyr, A Vic S FRENCH A Tyr-Boh, A Bud-Gal, A Gal-Ukr S by A Rum.

FRANCE: F Mid-Iri, F Lyo-Wes, F Tus-Lyo, A Mar-Gas, A Tyr-Boh /d//Pie/.

GERMANY: F Eng-Iri S by F Nat, F Nth-Eng, A Sil S A Boh, A Kie-Mun S by A Boh, A Mun-Bur S by A Ruh, A Bel-Pic.

ITALY: A Ven S AUSTRIAN A Tri-Tyr, F Aeg S A Ven, F Rom-Tyr.

RUSSIA: A Swe-Fin, A Mos S A Ukr, A Lva-War, A War-Gal S by A Ukr (Ukr /a/).

TURKEY: A Sev S AUSTRIAN A Gal-Ukr, A Ank-Arm, A Con-Bul, F Bla S A Sev, F Ion /h/, F Tun-Waf, F Wes-Mid.

GM COMMENT: All the shuffling by the Little Four shows how awkward their position is. Germany's defenses are very solid, and he is on the offensive.

FALL 1907:

FRANCE: Since France and Italy are weak, we are aligned A/F vs. I/T on an eventual basis //i.e., when Germany is down//.

GERMANY: Only one support on Galicia, as Russia feels they'll try for Moscow also. Trying to get A Ruh into the fight; can't afford a backwater army.

AUSTRIA: A Rum-Gal S by A Bud, A Ukr, & A Vic, A Tyr H. Ows: same (5). No change.

FRANCE: F Mid-Bre S by A Gas, A Pie-Mar S by F Lyo, F Tus H. Ows: Bre, Mar, ~~Wes~~, Por, Spa (4). Remove F Tus.

GERMANY: F Nat-Mid S by F Iri & F Eng, A Bur-Par S by A Pic, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun S A Boh, A Boh & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Gal. Ows: same, ~~Par~~ (10). Build F Kie.

ITALY: A Ven S AUSTRIAN A Tyr, F Aeg-Ion, F Tyr-Wes. Ows: same (3). No change.

RUSSIA: A Gal H /a/, A Mos H S by A War, A Fin H. Ows: same (4). Build A StP (1/a/).

TURKEY: A Sev S AUSTRIAN A Ukr, A Arm S A Sev, A Bul-Gre, F Bla-Con, F Ion-Tyr, F Wes-Mid S by F Naf. Ows: same (7). No change.

GM COMMENT: The position of the Little Four would have been better if the French fleet had hold, with support, while Franco takes Rome. The Italian F Aeg is superfluous anyway. Now Spa and Por are in danger, and there was little hope of saving Bre, in any event. Germany would be better off with A Ber, to help Russia. Turkey's support of A Sev is good insurance; never waste the move of a unit by ordering it to hold when it could support something.

SPRING 1908:

GERMANY: This move will probably be the last full forward progress...such as that of Germany 1943-1944.

AUSTRIA: A Gal-Boh S by A Vic, A Ukr-War, A Bud-Gal, A Tyr-Mun.
 FRANCE: F Lyo-Spa(sc), F Bre-Eng /d//Gas/, A Gas-Bur S by A Mar.
 GERMANY: F Kio-Bal, A Pic-Bre S by F Eng, A Par, & F Mid, F Iri S F Mid, A Bur-Mar /d//Ruh/, A Mun HS A Boh (A Boh /a/), A Sil S RUSSIAN A War.
 ITALY: A Ven S AUSTRIAN A Tyr, F Tyr C TURKISH A Gre-Tus, F Adr S A Ven.
 RUSSIA: A StP S A Mos, A Fin-Swe, A War H S by A Mos.
 TURKEY: A Sev-Mos, A Arm-Sev, A Gre-Tus C by F Ion, F Con-Aeg, F Wes-Mid S by F Naf.
 OM COMMENT: The German comment is apt and perceptive. After 1908, Germany can only go down so long as the Little Four stick together. Russia needs an A Lva to counter the Austro-Turkish threat, but insists on keeping a unit in Scandinavia. Italy's support of his own A Ven is a nice economy, just in case.

FALL 1908:

AUSTRIA: A Vic H, A Tyr S FRENCH A Bur-Mun, A Boh-Sil, A Ukr-War S by A Gal. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Rum, War (6). Build A Bud.
 FRANCE: A Bur-Mun /d//Pic/, A Mar-Bur, F Spa(sc)-Por, F Gas S TURKISH F Naf-Mid. Owns: ~~Ypp~~, Mar, Por, ~~Spp~~ (2). Remove F Gas, A Pic.
 GERMANY: F Bal-Swe, F Mid S A Bre /d//Spa(sc)/, F Iri S F Mid, F Eng-Bel, A Sil S RUSSIAN A War, A Mun-Bur S by A Ruh & A Par, A Bre H. Owns: Ber, Kio, Mun, Don, Hol, Edi, Lpl, Ion, Bel, Par, Bre, Spa, Swe (13). Build A Kio, A Ber, A Mun. No room for 4th. (1 /a/).
 ITALY: A Ven H, F Tyr-Lyo, F Adr H. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven (3). No change.
 RUSSIA: A Swe-Fin, A War H S by A Mos (A War /d//Pru/), A StP S A Mos. Owns: Mos, StP, ~~Ypp~~, ~~Spp~~, Hwy (3). Remove A Fin (1 not built, 1907).
 TURKEY: A Arm-Sev, A Sev-Mos, A Tus-Pic, F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tyr, F Naf-Mid S by F Wes. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Tun, Sev (7). No change.
 OM COMMENT: Germany lucked out, but Russia's position is still poor. He should have retreated to Lva. The great weakness is around England, as well as in Russia, so that the German position will crack on both flanks.

SPRING 1909:

AUSTRIA: A War-Sil S by A Boh, A Tyr-Mun, A Vic S A Boh, A Gal S TURKISH A Sev-Ukr, A Bud-Rum.
 FRANCE: A Mar-Gas, F Por S ITALIAN F Lyo-Spa(sc).
 GERMANY: A Par-Gas S by A Bre & A Bur, A Ruh S A Mun, A Sil-Boh S by A Mun (A Sil /a/), A Kio-Bur, A Ber-Pru, F Bel-Eng S by F Iri, F Swe-Hwy, F Spa(no)-Por /a/.
 ITALY: F Adr S A Ven, A Ven S AUSTRIAN A Tyr (otm), F Lyo-Spa(sc).
 RUSSIA: A Pru-Lva S by A Mos, A StP S A Mos.
 TURKEY: A Sev-Ukr, A Arm-Sev, A Pic-Mar, F Ion-Tyr, F Tyr-Wes, F Wes-Naf, F Mid S FRENCH A Mar-Gas.
 OM COMMENT: Turkish F Mid-Wat would have been better. The Russian front is very much improved for Germany, and his English defenses are tighter.

FALL 1909:

AUSTRIA: A Tyr-Mun S by A Boh, A Vie S A Vie (sio), A Sil-War S by A Gal, A Rum H. Owns: as in 1908 (6). No change.
 FRANCE: A Por S ITALIAN F Spa(sc)-Mid, A Mar H. Owns: as in 1908 (2). No change.
 GERMANY: A Pru S RUSSIAN A Lva-War, A Ber-Sil S by A Mun, A Ruh S A Mun, A Gas-Spa, A Bre H, A Bur S A Mun, F Eng-Iri, F Iri-Wat, F Hwy-Hrg. Owns: as in 1908 (13). Build F Kio (no room for other 2)(2 /a/).
 ITALY: F Spa(sc)-Mid, A Ven-Pic, F Adr-Ven. Owns: as in 1908 (3). No change.
 RUSSIA: A Lva-War S by A Mos, A StP S A Mos. Owns: as in 1908 (3). No change.
 TURKEY: A Sev-Mos S by A Ukr, A Pic S FRENCH A Mar, F Tyr-Wes, F Wes-Spa(sc), F Mid-Eng, F Naf S ITALIAN F Spa(sc)-Mid.

GM COMMENT: Germany in short units at a critical time. Further, his western flank is now untenable in the long run. In the east, Russia is a guessing game; if he wins, he stagnates; if he loses, he loses.

SPRING 1910:

RUSSIA: A Col-War, A Mar-Col, A Sil-Mar S by A Boh & A Tyr, A Vic S A Gal.

FRANCE: P Per S TOWNSH P Wes-Mid, A Mar-Bur /d//Spa/.

GERMANY: P NAT US F Ind, P Mar-Hth, P Kio-Hol, A Pro S A Gas, A Bur-Mar S by A Cui, A Mar H S by A Boh & A Ser, A Pro S RUSSIAN A Hoc (imp).

ITALY: P Mid-Ind /a/, A Von S AUSTRIAN A Tyr, P Adr S A Von.

RUSSIA: A Mar-Mar S by A Ind, A SEP-Mor.

TURKEY: A Sep-Mor, A Utr S AUSTRIAN A Col-War, A Pic-Mar, P Eng-Hth, P Wes-Mid S by P NAT, P Tyr-Hoc.

AFTER SPRING 1910, a draw was declared. It was then approaching midnight, and the game had been in process for nearly 12 hours. The general consensus of the Little Four (but disputed by Germany) was that Germany would eventually be eliminated. The Gamesmaster agreed, but pointed out that this would be a long process, possibly requiring four or five game-years, which meant playing until 3 or 4 in the morning (yech!).

In the GM's opinion, Germany would have crumbled by 1914, leaving Austria and Turkey the major powers. Turkey would absorb England and much of France, plus the Ion Countries and part of Scandinavia for a possible total of 16 or 17 units. Austria would obtain Germany for a total of 9 units or so. Her slower development would have been caused by German tenacity in defending the homeland to the last. Turkey, with nearly a majority of the units, and a commanding position encircling the board, would then have won the game.

It is possible the break might have come sooner, but certainly not before Germany is reduced considerably; say, to 6 units. This means a loss of 7 supply centers, almost all of which would have been absorbed by Turkey, boosting him to 13 or 14 units. Even if Austria had taken the initiative, it would probably be too late--particularly if Italy is aligned with Turkey as the French note for Fall 1907 indicates.

The GM wishes herewith to thank all the players in the game for their participation. Further, for their strict and willing observance of time limits and for their efforts to help prevent GM errors. Never have I seen a more orderly and enjoyable in-person game and it was a real pleasure to be your Gamesmaster.

Free copies of TGFCT are being sent to all participants, plus Mr. Charles Wells, the editor/publisher of THE GRAND FINCHICK GAZETTE (NUMBER ONE).

Copies of TGF 1 are no longer available. Copies of TGF 2 are available from the present editor for 10¢ each.

A new FTF game is being scheduled for February 1971, and the game played then will probably be chronicled in a TGF 4.